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SUBJECT: SPAIN'S RELATION WITH EASTERN EUROPE

1. SPANISH CHIEF OF MISSION GONZALEZ-CAMPO SHOWED ADCM SEPT 28 REPORT FROM HIS COUNTERPART IN BUDAPEST DATED SEPT 8 SUMMARIZING RESULTS OF VISIT OF HUNGARY OF GOS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS AGUIRRE DE CARCER AUGUST 23-26. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH AGUIRRE, FONMIN PUJA AND DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) GOH SINCERELY WANTED FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN.

B) GOH VIEWS PROCESS OF ACHIEVING THIS IN TWO STEPS, THAT OF "INTENSIFICATION OF BILATERAL RELATIONS" FOLLOWED BY "PREPARATION OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION."

C) GOH/GOS RELATIONS ARE STILL IN FIRST PHASE.

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D) OTHER EE COUNTRIES MUST JOINTLY AGREE THAT TIME

IS RIPE FOR FULL RELATIONS WITH GOS.

E) GOH CANNOT FIX A TIME LIMIT, E.G. 1977 BELGRADE
CONFERENCE, WHEN CHANGE IN RELATIONSHIP COULD OCCUR.

2. SPANISH CHIEF OF MISSION IN BUDAPEST (AND BY
IMPLICATION AGUIRRE DE CARCER) DREW CONCLUSIONS THAT
GOH SINCERELY DOES WANT FULL RELATIONS BUT WILL NOT,
OR CANNOT, MOVE UNTIL IT GETS GREEN LIGHT FROM MOSCOW.
THEY ALSO HAVE STRONG IMPRESSION EE COUNTRIES ARE
WANTING FOR "SPANISH POLITICAL EVOLUTION." WHILE
LEGALIZATION OF SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY WOULD BE
IMPORTANT EVENT IN SUCH EVOLUTION, THEIR IMPRESSION
IS THAT IT IS NOT "DECISIVE."

3. GONZALEZ-CAMPO SHARED HIS COLLEAGUES' ASSESSMENT
AND STATED IT IS ALSO APPLICABLE TO ROMANIA IN SPITE
OF ROMANIA'S MUCH-TOUTED FOREIGN POLICY INDEPENDENCE.
HIS ANALYSIS IS THAT, WHILE CEAUSESCU WOULD CLEARLY
LIKE TO HAVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN,
NO VITAL ROMANIAN INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED. CONSEQUENTLY,
THIS IS AN ISSUE OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE ON WHICH GOR
CAN ACCOMMODATE ITSELF TO SOVIET WISHES, ESPECIALLY
GIVEN CURRENT MORE CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA
AND USSR. GONZALEZ-CAMPO SEES LITTLE POSITIVE
MOVEMENT TOWARD FULL GOR/GOS RELATIONS AT PRESENT,
ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN.
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